

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-23 and 29-44 are pending in this application. Claims 45 and 46 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Reconsideration and retraction of the restriction requirement is requested. The elected claims are directed to a jackpot winning system, and depending claims 45 and 46 merely recite steps for verifying the operation of the system. The subject matter of claims 45 and 46 has no separate function or utility. Accordingly, applicants request a substantive action on all claims 1-23 and 29-46.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 273-4730 (direct dial).

Respectfully submitted,



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